

House Resolution No.

Whereas, Sheridan "Sheri" Wood is Executive Director of the Kansas City Free Health Clinic, a medical establishment which provides health care services to 13,000 area residents who otherwise would be without the preventive and illness-related medical services which are so necessary for good health; and

Whereas, married to her beloved Bob Wood for eighteen years, Sheri Wood met her husband in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in the early 1980s when both were involved in hospice work--she, as a hospice director and he, as a volunteer chaplain and Episcopal minister; and

Whereas, Sheri Wood grew up in Flintstone, Georgia, at the base of Lookout Mountain where her parents owned a textile bleachery and taught her that an important part of Southern culture involves giving back to the community; and

Whereas, tremendously influenced by the life, volunteerism, and death of a Jewish neighbor, Rosalyn Reisman, Sheri Wood earned a Bachelor's degree in American studies from the University of North Carolina before embarking upon her chosen path of service to others through such offices as Executive Director of Hospice of Chattanooga, Hospice Director of Clarksville Memorial Hospital, Initiatives Manager of United Way of Middle Tennessee, Executive Director of Nashville CARES, and Director of Affiliated Trusts for the Greater Kansas City Community Foundation; and

Whereas, Sheri Wood takes little credit for the improvements brought about by the Kansas City Free Health Clinic during the past six years, preferring instead to praise others for the more than quadrupling of clients receiving services, the success of the clinic's first real capital campaign which raised \$2 million, and the move into permanent quarters at 3515 Broadway; and

Whereas, the one overriding rule governing the diverse activities of Sheri Wood is that everyone should be able to get medical care:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the diligent, effective labors of Sheri Wood and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest commendation for her exemplary involvement in the provision of much-needed health care to poor and uninsured Kansas Citians and our best wishes for continued successful service for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the selfless contributions and visionary leadership of Sheridan Wood, Executive Director of the Kansas City Free Health Clinic.

Offered by _____
Representative Marsha Campbell
District No. 39

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

